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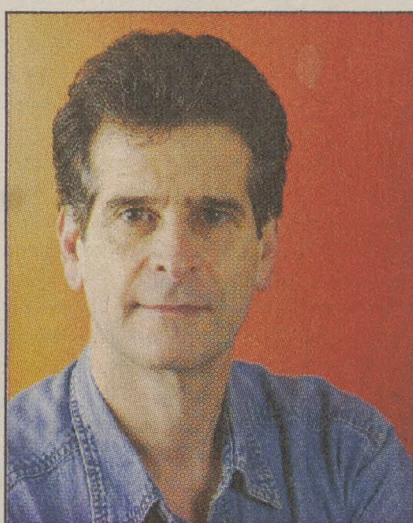
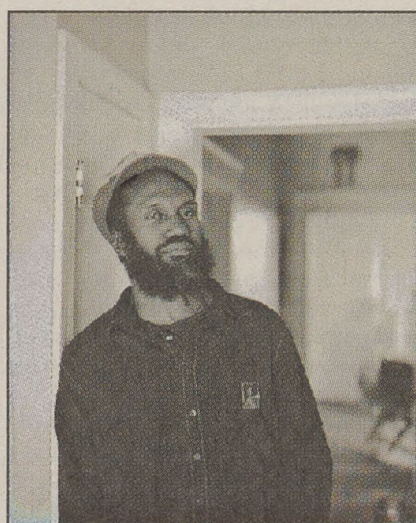
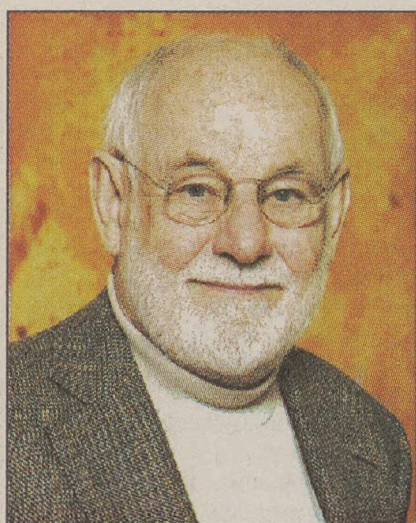
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## Commencement Speakers Announced



COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS  
Children's author and illustrator Eric Carle, Singer-songwriter Corey Harris '91, inventor-entrepreneur Dean Kamen and actress Anna Deveare Smith will speak at the commencement ceremony on May 27.

**ALEXANDRA KELLY**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Each year, Bates invites prominent individuals who have made valuable contributions to society to speak at the commencement ceremony. The college awards each speaker an honorary degree. This year, for the 141st commencement, the speakers will be children's book author and illustrator Eric Carle, inventor-entrepreneur Dean Kamen, singer-songwriter Corey Harris '91 and actor and author Anna Deveare Smith.

Eric Carle is the creator of illustrated picture books designed for young children. Since 1967, when his collaboration with author Bill Martin Jr. resulted in the best-selling "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" he has illustrated more than 70 books. His most famous book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," has sold more than 25 million copies since its publication and has been translated into more than 30 languages. More than 75 million copies of Carle's books have been sold around the world.

Carle works in a distinctive collage technique that uses hand-painted papers cut and layered to form the bright, cheerful and instantly recognizable images in his books. The appeal of his books lies in his intuitive understanding of and respect for children, combined with themes drawn from his knowledge and love of nature.

Carle will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at Bates.

"Most people look at technology today and see magic," inventor-entrepreneur Dean Kamen told Newsweek last December. Kamen's magical creations range from innovations in medical technology like the first wearable insulin pump for diabetics and an all-terrain electric wheelchair to a self-balancing personal transport, the Segway HT. One of his most recent projects is a water purification system designed to help an estimated 1.1 billion people worldwide who lack access to clean water.

Kamen's commitment to scientific ingenuity goes far beyond any one invention, or even his own personal

career. He is passionate about bringing young people into his field and increasing the focus on science and technology in education and society.

In 1989, Kamen founded FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), an organization whose vision is "to create a world where science and technology are celebrated... where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes," says Kamen.

He will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Bates.

Bates graduate Corey Harris has earned critical acclaim for his blues-based exploration of African diaspora music. His musical career began with 1995's "Between Midnight and Day," a collection of many varying Delta blues-based songs performed with just vocals and acoustic guitar.

"I'm grounded heavily in the blues, but I let everything influence me," Harris said to Bates Magazine in 1997. "I try to be as open as I can."

Harris graduated from Bates in 1991 with a high-honors degree in anthropology. He was awarded a pres-

tigious Watson Fellowship to study pidgin English in Cameroon the following year, expanding on his senior thesis topic. When he returned home he taught English and French in Napoleonville, La., traveling to New Orleans to perform on weekends.

In 2003, director Martin Scorsese featured Harris in the debut episode of the documentary "The Blues," following him as he traced American blues music to its African origins. This project resulted in "Mississippi to Mali," with tracks recorded as he researched in the field, and his latest album, "Daily Bread" (2005).

Harris will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Music.

American actress and playwright Anna Deveare Smith uses her particular style of theater to explore issues of race, community and character in the U.S. A tenured professor in the Department of Performance Studies at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, Smith was awarded the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (known as a "genius")

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## Minority Student Acceptances Increase Dramatically for Class of 2011

**SAM NAGOURNEY**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In a year when overall applications for admission increased by three percent compared to last year, the Admissions Office was very pleased to see a 36 percent increase in applications from U.S. multicultural students.

Dean of Admissions Wylie Mitchell said, "We are very excited to report a record number of applications from U.S. minority students this year which significantly contributed to this year's new all-time application record. And we anticipate a significant increase in multicultural enrollment next fall. We are really excited to see an increase in the quality and number of students who applied to Bates."

This year there were 551 multicultural applicants of whom 288 were offered admission, compared with 212 offered admission last year. This year the school admitted 11 Native-American applicants, 121 Asian-Pacific applicants, 69 African-American applicants, 85 Latino/Hispanic applicants and two multi-racial applicants. While it is unknown how many will enroll, this is a substantial increase from last year's four Native-American offers, 103 Asian-Pacific, 44 African-American and 62 Latino/Hispanic.

Marylyn Scott, Director of Multicultural Recruitment, explained that each of the "geodeans" (admissions deans who are re-

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## RIAA Cites Five Students for Illegal Downloading

**SAM NAGOURNEY**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This past week, Bates has received advance notice from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) that six complaints are pending against five students who have been distributing copies of copyrighted materials through peer-to-peer software (p2p), Internet network programs that allow users to share files directly.

Eugene Wiemers, Vice President of Information and Library Services and copyright agent for the school, received a number of Preservation Notices which require him to preserve certain information in case of a forthcoming subpoena.

The only information the RIAA has is the date, time and IP addresses, a unique numerical sequence that identifies Internet servers. Thus, they need Bates' assistance to translate the IP addresses into names. The Preser-

vation Notice e-mail also states that the RIAA's outside counsel will be e-mailing Wiemers early settlement letters that they request be forwarded to the students in question. The RIAA hopes to spare itself the cost and time of litigation with their new aggressive strategy.

The RIAA allows the individual 20 days to respond and settle the claims, otherwise it will subpoena Bates for the information. If individuals choose not to settle out-of-court, possible fines range from a minimum of \$750 per song to a maximum of \$150,000 per song.

The administration has already said that they will not release any names unless required by court order or subpoena, but will forward the early settlement letters to the alleged offenders. The administration has not yet decided what course to take if subpoenaed and plans to wait until it becomes necessary to consider it.

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## Students Debate, Present and Perform as Part of Mount David Summit

**CHRISTINE ARSNOW**  
STAFF WRITER

Bates hosted its annual presentation of student academic achievement, the Mount David Summit, last Friday in Pettengill. The summit featured undergraduate research, student creative work in art, dance, theater, music and film; projects concluding academic courses; and service-learning projects. Readings, performances, debates and formal presentations were held in various classrooms, while the atrium featured poster presentations.

As one of the formal presentations held Friday afternoon, students of the class Politics 253 conducted a mock Senate hearing titled "Hearings on U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East." During a heated 90-minute session, students assumed the opposing roles of Bush administration officials and various congressmen and women who challenge U.S. policy in the Middle East. The "congressmen" interrogated "Bush administrators," questioning them about U.S. policies regarding Iran, Afghanistan, Israel, Iraq and the occupied territories.

The goal of the politics class was to examine U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East; the debate was a culmination of the semester's investigation of this topic. The class is taught by visiting professor Eric Hooglund, an Iran expert, and focuses on major U.S. policy issues such as the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, America's relations with Iran, globalization's impact on Middle East energy resources and the war in Iraq.

Students in Alexander Dauge-Roth's French seminar, "Documenting the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda," held a formal presentation to preclude the international conference on the Rwandan genocide. The conference, "Rwanda: From National Disintegration to National Reunification: The Legacy of the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda," featured speakers from Rwanda, Europe and the U.S. who were victimized by or are experts on the horrific genocide that took place in 1994.

Dauge-Roth's seminar examined documentation of the Rwandan genocide in books, films and magazines and evaluated the media's coverage of the event. The introductory presentation featured a

gallery of posters created by Dauge-Roth's students. Junior Caroline Lemoine noted that, while the Internet and journal articles provided a good deal of factual information for students' presentations, Professor Dauge-Roth was also an extremely valuable and knowledgeable source, particularly when trying to ascertain the validity of Internet resources.

In addition to formal presentations and debates, numerous students presented posters in the Pettengill Atrium. Patrick Kenna '07, a psychology major, presented his thesis research on youth peer interracial interactions. While volunteering at the Lewiston Multipurpose Center, Kenna noticed that many children exhibit racial prejudices, particularly toward Somali students. This observation prompted Kenna to investigate his thesis topic. Kenna watched the interactions among children at the center and found that older children were more aware of race and more likely to spend time with members of their own race. He also found that children of racial minority had more "negative" experiences during interracial interactions, that is, in-

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Cassandra Kirkland '08, Meredith Sallee '07, Courtney O'Farrell '07 and Ann Lovely '07 discuss biochemistry during the first poster session.



# Onset of Spring Brings Better Mood, Less Nerdy Activities

JOHN MILEY  
STAFF WRITER

Spring can be a lot of things. It can be a coil made out of hardened steel, or a natural source of water, or a leap from one place to another. But a trip home to Massachusetts made me think of how the season combines all these awesome definitions into one especially fun time of the year.

I went home for my Dad's 60th birthday party. There were older people, my sister's 20-something co-workers, and me, the youngest and lone college student. It was as fun as it was interesting. Adults were partying and drinking responsibly, while still managing to enjoy themselves. I guess some people don't have to drink 15 beers to have fun.

As my Dad gets older, we all get older, which isn't a bad thing. Old people are funnier than young people. They can get away with more things in their old age, in terms of their lives and

their jokes. That's one of the reasons why no one would argue, for instance, that a show like "The Office" is funnier than "Golden Girls." The "Golden Girls" are in their golden years, hence they are older and funnier. Unfortunately, I didn't know this until recently because I wasn't allowed to watch "Golden Girls" in light of the explicit sexual content. Whatever, I'm over it.

None of this really makes sense except if we consider that we are coming to the completion of another semester at Bates. As a matter of fact, this is the last issue of the Bates Student. It's sad really, but classes are almost over. The air is crisp. It even smells like spring. It's hard to pinpoint, it's like Pert Plus or a tangerine or blue laundry detergent. It's sort of a citrus-like, flowery smell.

Being home and leaving the Bates atmosphere opened my eyes to spring. I don't know if anyone else gets tired of spending every single night in the

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## Senior Describes Strip-Search Experience at Israeli Border

JALEH TAHERI  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We all have certain rights as human beings. We should all have the opportunity to live freely and without humiliation. Many Palestinians face harassment and attacks upon their dignity everyday. One type of humiliation is the systematic harassment and strip searches targeted specifically at women at checkpoints. I have my own story to tell. I am not Palestinian. I am not Arab. I am not Jewish. I am American, and the following story happened to me the first time I visited Israel at the northern border crossing with Jordan last spring.

Last spring, I was on a study abroad trip in Jordan with CIEE and decided to travel with seven of my fellow Americans to Israel to visit the city of Jerusalem for three days. When my friends and I were passing at the border, things were going smoothly until they reached me at the end of the line. Not expecting to have problems crossing the border, all of my friends passed through, except one who noticed that I was being harassed. They took my

passport from me and told me I had to wait while they did a security check. They held me there for 10 hours. About one hour before the border was going to close, they took me to a small room where they made me remove my clothing. They took my clothing from me and ran it through the X-ray machine. I was wearing a tank top, jeans and a pair of flip-flops, so this kind of procedure was clearly not for security.

After this, a man with a briefcase came, and I was told I must leave for questioning. I was taken outside, behind barbed wire into a small cubicle pumped with exceedingly cold air. As I sat shivering and teeth chattering, I was interrogated for an hour about my entire life and everyone I knew. They repeatedly asked me if I was planning to go to Gaza or the West Bank, even though I insisted that all I wanted was to go to Jerusalem. They asked me why my friends had different kinds of names than I do and why my friends felt that they could even be with a person like me (implying that I was too "low" for them). I have an Iranian

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### Correction:

In the article "Democrats' Speaker Addresses War's Flaw, but Does not Support U.S. Withdrawal from Iraq" in last week's issue, lecturer Les Campbell's position with the National Democratic Institute was mislabeled. He is the senior associate and regional director for the Middle East and North Africa.

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## Letters

### Attendance at Rwanda Conference Greatly Appreciated

Dear Lewiston Community,

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone -- staff, faculty, community members and students -- who came to the conference this weekend titled "Rwanda: From National Disintegration to National Reunification." As a student of the French seminar devoted to the Rwandan genocide, I have come to realize the complexity, depth and severity of the genocide of the Tutsis and was excited to see that the importance was not lost on others in the Lewiston and Auburn communities. The weekend was busy with work building up and many events, such as the chorus and orchestra concert, the Rocky Horror Picture Show and multiple sports games; however, Keck classroom was full all day long.

With appropriate gratitude, I would also like to echo the idea made in many speeches that there is still much reparation due in this small, African state. If you would like to learn more about the conflict or how to help, please visit the websites listed below or others online about the genocide: <http://perso.orange.fr/rwanda94/>, <http://www.neveragaininternational.org/news/neveragain.html>, or <http://hrw.org/reports/1999/rwanda/> or <http://hrw.org/reports/2003/rwanda0403/>

Also, there are plenty of videos on reserve at the library, such as "Chronicle of a Genocide Foretold," "Ghosts of Rwanda," "100 Days," "Shooting Dogs," "In Rwanda We Say...The Family That Does Not Speak Dies" and "Gacaca: Living Together Again in Rwanda?" These videos, some documentaries and some fictional accounts based on the events, can start the dialogue about the horrors of the genocide.

Unfortunately, although the words "Never Again" were emphasized after the end of the violence in Rwanda, the popular slogan has not yet been accomplished. The genocide in Sudan continues. You can do many simple things to help the situation in Sudan. First, the Darfur Action and Awareness Coalition (DAAC) is holding a benefit art show with local artists during Short Term. Watch for this or get involved now in the planning.

Additionally, you can call your state representatives to stress that American support to stop the genocide in

Darfur is necessary. The phone campaign earlier in the year by the DAAC was quite successful, but more help is necessary. Multiple businesses, states, countries and organizations, knowingly or unknowingly, hold stock that supports the Sudanese government, therefore supporting the genocide. Look up your state's investment files, available online, to determine if your state is financially supporting the Sudanese government. Urge your representatives to divest from the region. For more information, please contact Lisa Fischer (lfischer@bates.edu) or Anne Sheldon (Asheldon@bates.edu) from the DAAC.

The conference this weekend was quite successful and again, I was very pleased to see all the faces I did, but our job is not over. As Rwandan genocide survivor, Yolande Mukagasana, said during the conference, reconciliation for her will come when all of humanity is respected. Please help to reach this goal.

Sincerely,  
Laura French '07

### Student Discusses Personal Battle with Prescription Drugs

ABIGAIL CRISPIN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sitting in the third floor lounge of the library, next to those tall windows that let in so much light, I see an Advil bottle out of the corner of my eye. There is that subsequent rattle of pills that usually has that Pavlovian effect on me, my ears perk up like a dog's at dinner time. Old habits die hard. Anyways, the pill isn't the typical pinky-orange of an Advil. No, it's the orange of a 20 milligram Adderall.

Alas. There it is, again. So now it seems I am the only one in this room who does not have the benefit of a study aid. Granted, I am a little oversensitive to the presence of uppers, my radar for them especially acute, but I can't help but think that they are everywhere you find the words paper, midterm, or exam.

New to our generation but spreading like wildfire, using prescription stimulants for school work has become the norm for many. Easy to get and fast-acting, Adderall seems to be the panacea of the homework crisis- the extra push that is going to get you to pass, to get you that A, to get you focused. Have we become a culture of zombies? A small tribe of robots churning out speed-induced manifestos on French art or British literature in the name of scholarly

achievement?

I guess you could call me the textbook Type A personality; the girl with the constellation of neuroses born of a tendency toward obsession. Recently, I was told that I had 'Reward Deficiency Syndrome' -- a rather enigmatic diagnosis that essentially means that I get no pleasure from success but, like the rat in the maze, I keep going for it. I'm not sure if I agree with this, but regardless, my college years have been a time where I have, like many others, constantly felt pressured to get good grades. Now that I'm actually trying to get a job, it seems that this GPA thing matters a lot less than I had anticipated.

I digress. Returning to the question of Adderall, I thought I had found a little piece of heaven in these dainty, if a bit grainy, orange and blue ovals. For about five years, basically between the ages of 15 to 20, I kept coming back to my little friends. They made the thing I was expected to do, namely study, seem like fun. Eventually I got a prescription, one that somehow kept getting larger, and before I knew it, I had gone from a relatively sane and likeable person to a babbling nut job wandering the metros of Paris alone. Sweating and confused, I am profoundly lonely in the gorgeous streets of Paris that don't even seem all that beautiful. The city is the monotone of grey and all I have is a translucent

bottle of medication that had long ago ceased to ease my pain.

I'm not saying that this is going to happen overnight. I'm not saying that choosing to pull an 'all-nighter' with the aid of Adderall, or whatever it may be, is a moral decision. I'm not saying it will happen to you at all. However, as a cultural phenomenon, it frightens me. What does it say that we live in a time where work of a certain nature is so valued that it has led to a whirlwind of this 'ADD'? I'm not saying it's not a real disease, but the fact that attention deficit has become a part of our vernacular (as in, when someone is trying to say they are having trouble concentrating they'll often phrase it as 'I am so ADD right now') points to its powerful presence within our everyday lives.

I look around the space of the Salter Lounge, my friends deeply engrossed with their laptop screens, drinking what seems like gallons of water and noticeably grinding their teeth. Their faces are, I can't help but notice, a shade of light red. Is that a bit of sweat forming on his brow? The tinge of jealousy passes and I remember that I am free. Free to choose what interests me, free to live according to my own rules. I might not be able to stay up until five doing work, but I am no longer subservient to the absolutist regime of Adderall and it feels pretty good.

## Justice Department's Dismissal of Eight Prosecutors Is Partisan - And Illegal

JONATHAN TANNENBAUM  
STAFF WRITER

When analyzing the controversy surrounding the dismissal of eight prosecutors working at the Justice Department, it's important to elucidate what someone means when he/she suggests that the Bush Administration fired prosecutors for political reasons. Contrary to the crafty obfuscations concocted by conservative commentators, this assertion doesn't necessarily mean 'political' in the sense that the Bush Administration wrongfully dismissed prosecutors because they disagreed with the administration on what public policy issues to investigate. That would be entirely appropriate. Every president is responsible for appointing U.S. prosecutors that he or she

believes will utilize precious time and resources by prioritizing the most important cases. If a prosecutor spends time addressing jaywalking and skinny dipping instead of matters related to terrorism, the White House not only has a right, but a duty, to let that person go. However, this isn't what many critics are referring to. More often, when they say 'political,' they mean that power players like Karl Rove wanted certain prosecutors discarded due to the fact that they refused to pursue cases on the basis of how they would affect Republican electoral prospects. In other words, the White House wanted prosecutors fired because they weren't being partisan. This action is what would be reprehensible. And this action is what most likely has taken place.

While given what we know so far,

it would be impossible to reconstruct a perfect account of what happened. The evidence, combined with only a drop of inference, strongly suggests that at the very least, Karl Rove made the decision to have the prosecutors replaced for partisan reasons. Given the illegality of this move, officials both in and out of the White House are doing whatever they can to cover up the unethical decision.

The stream of absurdity began about two weeks ago when the former chief of staff to Alberto Gonzales, Kyle Sampson, resigned from his post a day before the Justice Department released e-mails that alluded to Karl Rove's role in hiring new prosecutors. Upon stepping down, Sampson claimed Gon-

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## \$44,000 Should Be Enough

DYLAN MORRIS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I'd like to share with you the unnecessarily tragic story of Penny and her experience with finances during her Bates career. This is a story rife with frustrating supplementary payments to the institution already eating a whopping \$44,000 of her money. Ultimately, though, justice is done as Penny votes Bates unworthy of further contribution. This cautionary tale is fictitious but contains some true anecdotes that some students may find all

too familiar.

Penny came to Bates an energetic but naïve first-year. After a mud fight during AESOP and a couple non-alcoholic beverages spilled on her, it was time to do laundry. As she approached the machine, a strange card acceptor stood between her and Bounce freshness. After positively identifying herself as a first-year to every lurking upperclassman, she managed to find a MacGray machine. Dutifully putting her five bucks in, she discovered this only bought the card and two dollars. It didn't even get a single load of clean

clothes. After shelling out another ten-bucks and schlepping back home, she finally was able to use the machines.

A few short months later, Penny had attended enough class to realize she actually hadn't attended enough class. It was time to hit the books. In order to avoid academic probation, Penny needed to copy some reserve articles. Unfortunately, she was again foiled by a MacGray machine. Computer prints are free but copies are not, she mused, as she watched her

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name and they repeatedly asked me why I had this name because it was a boy's name not a girl's name. They tried to humiliate me over and over again. I was terrified. I thought I was going to be raped sitting there alone with two men in this secluded cubicle.

Finally, they let me return to my one friend who had stayed behind. By this time, I was traumatized. While I was gone, they asked my friend why she was with "someone like me." How could she be friends with me? What good did she see in me? The racism was blatant. When they finally returned my passport and let me go through, I broke down and started to shake and cry uncontrollably. The guards laughed and asked me why I cried. They had let me pass after all.

My family and friends wanted me to report this story, but when I returned to the U.S. I was still trying to comprehend what had happened to me. The blatant humiliation was unbelievable. This was my first time to Israel. All seven of us visiting Jerusalem were wearing summer clothes and only carrying simple backpacks. It was really a shock.

If you would like more information about this type of treatment, visit ifamericansknew.org and watch the short film entitled "The Easiest Targets: The Israeli Policy of Searching Women and Children," or contact Bates Students for Peace and Justice in Palestine.

I just thought I would share this story with you. I know that there are many more that may be far worse. I am still shocked that, as an American citizen with no connections in Israel or Palestine, I was treated so horribly.

laundry money disappear seven cents at a time. \$7.49 cents later she had enough reading to fill the weekend but was not too happy about paying even more just to stay afloat academically.

Thanks to those seven cent copies, she survived her first year. That fall she drove her car all the way out from Wisconsin, but needed a parking permit. Despite the apparent abundance of spots, she still had to pay \$100 for a coveted Merrill-only parking permit she won on appeal. The Financial Aid Office found her an off-campus work-study job, but the parking permit skimmed \$100 off the top. She decided the logic was infallible.

One night, being the good samaritan she was, Penny shuttled some of her drunken senior friends home from the pub. Accidentally leaving her car parked next to Village One, she woke up to find a \$50 ticket slapped on the windshield for parking in a fire lane. Apparently the Olin lot is restricted as a fire lane after midnight. Why? Because clearly fires only happen at night. She was also struck to learn that the City of Lewiston only charges \$10 for illegal overnight parking. It seemed to Penny that her expensive education wasn't much help as she tried to reason through Bates logic.

Sophomore year she was confused about her future. She headed over to the Office of Career Services for a career assessment test only to learn that the \$44,000 a year she paid to "make it in the real world" didn't cover the cost of such tests. She handed over another \$10 for each assessment she took. She wished the tests would tell her to work in a college's financial services department where she could make a few important changes.

To help her solve her life crisis, she spent her entire junior year abroad. But Penny found no department is exempt from charging extra fees. Not only did she have to pay her abroad program tuition, but Bates asked for \$1,200 each semester she was away. Obviously, that money covered the meals she didn't eat on campus! So she rounded

out a year away from Bates with about \$2,400 of payments for nothing at all in return.

When senior year rolled around, Penny was still saddled with all the old charges, but some new and really astonishing ones popped up as well. Because of the housing crunch, she was encouraged to and decided to live off campus. She soon discovered that the refund she got from the college for not using their housing or their meal plan barely covered rent. Much to Penny's

**"If the college is serious about making its students happy and raising the endowment, it needs to look seriously at the way it handles charges, fees and extras on a day-to-day basis."**

chagrin, Bates seemed to profit nicely from her move off campus.

Her friends in Village were writing their theses and couldn't go home for vacations. It turned out they also weren't fed over February break. In the midst of writing ground-breaking honors theses and stranded without any available kitchen, these poor seniors had to pay for all their own food to be delivered or eat out over the break. Maybe if we don't eat, we'll spend more time working, her friends joked.

But the real kicker came when she turned in her thesis. The culmination of her work and achievement, the pride of her studies...and Bates managed a shot below the belt. She actually had to pay for the binder her thesis went in. The col-

lege made her shell out money for the legendary black binder. And for honors students, it was worse: they had to buy several of them and pay for each copy to be bound as well. It felt like a slap in the face.

Upon graduation, as a good Batesie does, she moved to New York with Teach for America. Though nearly broke, she made the trip back to Bates for Alumni Weekend that fall. Ravished from malnourishment on a teachers' salary, she parked and dashed into the dining hall. And another tasty treat awaited her: Commons actually charged \$7 a meal to returning alums on Alumni Weekend. Now that struck her as just stupid. As she stormed out she found another surprise. Adding insult to injury, security issued her, and all her alumni friends, parking tickets. Funny way of saying "welcome" on the weekend they were invited to come!

Seeing her friends was nice, but the college left a bitter taste in her mouth. And when she made it home, she found a letter in her box from Alumni Relations, asking her for a small donation. Not because she couldn't afford it, but because she felt like Bates had nickel-and-dimed her for five years, the letter was cast into the trash without a second thought. As was every subsequent request.

The story is tragic, but all too familiar to Batesies. If the college is serious about making its students happy and raising the endowment, it needs to look seriously at the way it handles charges, fees and extras on a day to day basis. Most of these problems would not be costly to solve and would probably yield a significant return on investment.

While the story I just told is imaginary, the problem is real, and I feel it is serious. I ask the administration, for the sake of the college, please think about and address these issues as you think about the future of the college.

## Bush Continues to Lie and Deny

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zales was unfamiliar with the dismissals; the announcement was absurd not only given the closeness between the two men, but also given the fact that Sampson was an underling who would never make the unprecedented decision to fire a small number of well-performing U.S. prosecutors, free from even a hint of scandal, in the middle of a president's second term.

Of course, the absurdity only heightened when, the next day, Gonzales held a press conference in which he admitted "mistakes were made," and then proceeded to use the fact that many people work at the Justice Department to argue the case that he was uninvolved.

However, the day prior to his press conference, a White House spokeswoman, Dana Perino, acknowledged that last October, President Bush had spoken to Gonzales to bring attention to the fact that Republican lawmakers were angry that certain prosecutors weren't forcefully investigating voter fraud.

And then there were more e-mails. One of them, dated Jan. 6, 2005, related how Rove had inquired about whether or not prosecutors would be selectively dismissed.

As far as why certain prosecutors were let go, top officials from the Justice Department, including Gonzales, have testified under oath that the prosecutors in question weren't doing a good job. But this is the most absurd idea of all. As Sidney Blumenthal points out in "Salon," Sampson lauded one of the fired justices, John McKay, even going so far as to recommend him for a federal judgeship, then mysteriously, less than a month later put him on a list with the heading "[Prosecutors] We Should Now Consider Pushing Out." And as Blumenthal further notes, "McKay was removed from favored status, according to his own sworn testimony before the Congress, because of his refusal to prosecute

Democrats on nonexistent charges of voter fraud after the Democratic candidate for governor won by a razor-thin margin in 2004. McKay said that he received telephone calls from Ed Cassidy, chief of staff to Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash. and state Republican Party chairman Chris Vance pressuring him to open a probe."

So there's strong evidence that Karl Rove pushed aside prosecutors for 'political reasons' in the worst sense and since then, top officials have lied under oath about what was done. Yet these facts don't even begin to hint at the real significance of this scandal. That's because it's only the latest travesty perpetrated by a Republican party that feels it can lie, indulge in cronyism, commit crimes and perform acts of personal destruction "in startling degrees even by political standards" — and then be held unaccountable for its destructive means, as well as its destructive ends.

Though the administrations of Reagan and Bush Sr. were both ethically lax and poisonous for human welfare, Newt Gingrich accelerated the phenomenon of Republican thug-ishness; heralding a platform devoted to gouging out critical functions of the federal government, he became Speaker of the House in 1994, having led a Republican Congressional campaign that featured race-baiting, smearing the Democratic Speaker of the House as a closeted homosexual, casting Democrats as un-American and most prominently, drumming up months of news stories grounded in distortions that culminated in the resigning of Democratic Representative Jim Wright. All this was done mostly in the name of consolidating wealth and showering the tobacco, pharmaceutical, insurance and gun lobbies with special treatment.

Not to be outdone, in a multi-year campaign conducted in accordance with the principle that someone is guilty until proven innocent and assisted by commentators-for-hire like the members of the "Wall Street Journal" editorial board, Ken Starr,

an independent prosecutor with a political agenda similar to that of Gingrich, squandered \$70 million investigating every lead humanly possible against the Clinton Administration, only to discover President Clinton had perjured himself and obstructed justice in regards to a sordid, albeit consensual sexual relationship. In total, Starr and other Republican operatives wasted over \$100 million investigating the Clinton Administration; however, not a single top official was convicted of a crime pertaining to public conduct.

Of course, this phenomenon has only worsened since the ascendance of the Bush Administration. Aided by the Republican Congress recently voted out of power, it has wreaked havoc on this country that will last for more than a generation. As Hendrik Hertzberg noted in The New Yorker on the eve of the 2006 congressional elections: "It includes an unending deficit" this year, it's \$260 billion that has already added \$1.5 trillion to the national debt; the subcontracting of environmental, energy, labor and health-care policymaking to corporate interests; repeated efforts to suppress scientific truth; a set of economic and fiscal policies that have slowed growth, spurred inequality, replenished the ranks of the poor and uninsured and exacerbated the insecurities of the middle class; and, on Capitol Hill, a festival of bribery, some prosecutable (such as the felonies that have put one prominent Republican member of Congress in prison, while another awaits sentencing), some not (such as the reported two-million-dollar salary conferred upon a Republican congressman who became the pharmaceutical industry's top lobbyist immediately after shepherding into law a bill forbidding the government to negotiate prices for prescription drugs)." So there you have it: not only is the Democratic response measured by any reasonable standard, it should serve as only the first step in a long procession of accountability moments.

## Literally and Figuratively, Spring is Sunnier

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library, but it sure wears on me. As the semester wears on and work builds up, I often feel isolated from everyone. I realize how much work, papers, and studying takes away just from having a conversation with my friends. It makes me realize how much I actually enjoy talking to people.

Which is interesting, because I don't especially enjoy talking and don't have a lot of friends. I blame it on seasonal affective disorder. One thing is pretty clear: if they hadn't moved up daylight savings time this year, I would be getting into a lot more fights. The sunny weather and longer days keeps hostility to a minimum. Who can be aggravated when the sun is shining so brightly?

Along with spring resonating more strongly because of my nostalgic trip home, it made me realize that sometimes I feel like we are all nerds at Bates. It's not such a bad thing, but since we are sort of isolated from the rest of the world, the nerdiness is allowed to grow unabated. It's good for people to get outside Bates for a while and then come back and call out any possible nerds. I'm on nerd look out.

I'll pick myself first, to be fair, and then move to others. With me being pretty nerdy, it may be a blind leading the blind sort of thing.

Let's be thankful we finish earlier than other colleges. We have Short Term which gives us more time pursue endeavors which don't include deadlines or page minimums. Sometimes on cold, spring nights, I like to pretend its fall and winter is coming up. Basically this achieves nothing, but I think it is possible that it makes me even more excited for the summer time. Try it sometime and see what results you get. You may be pleasantly surprised.

"That's dumb." My sister responded when I told her my article was about the energy and re-birth that spring brings. She was not caring much about this article or me or the fact that we are genetically related. While she may have been right, I couldn't be bitter because it was six o'clock at night and still bright outside. Boy, do I love Short Term and spring. Now we just need to get through finals. After all, it's summer time and the living is easy. I think Shakespeare said that. I am so ready for finals.

## DIGITZ

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Number of children a Chinese woman pretended to be pregnant with. Qiao Yubo informed her husband that she was carrying quintuplets after slipping on the street and miscarrying twins. "I dared not tell this to my husband," she said of the fall. Qiao stuffed her shirt with clothing in order fake the pregnancy. She was discovered when a doctor came to her home to do a check-up and she jumped out a window in attempt to escape.

200

Number of pounds of milk chocolate that Cosimo Cavallaro used to sculpt a chocolate Jesus. The six-foot-tall sculpture, which depicts Jesus nailed to the cross without the typical loincloth, will be exhibited in a New York art gallery during the week of Easter. The gallery's owner, Matt Semler, said the timing of the display was coincidental but that he is reconsidering the exhibition after a stream of angry emails and telephone calls.

9

Number of rare parrots a Russian woman strapped to her body in an attempt to smuggle them through customs. Denisa Mrazova, the smuggler, taped the birds beaks shut in order to keep them quiet, but the parrots still gave themselves away by fluttering under her coat. The nine birds have been confiscated and put in quarantine.

24

Number of weeks it took Mick Egan to turn into a diamond. Egan's wife hired a diamond company to convert her husband's body into a precious stone after he died of a brain hemorrhage last year. Extracted carbon from Egan's ashes was heated to extreme temperatures to convert it to graphite. Mr. Egan arrived in time to escort his daughter Celeste down the aisle — in the form of a diamond ring. "He is my diamond geezer now," his wife said affectionately.

93

Height, in inches, of the world's tallest living man. Bao Xishun of Mongolia is 7 feet 9 inches. Xishun gained fame last December by reaching his 42-inch arms down the throats of two dolphins to extract pieces of plastic the animals had accidentally swallowed. Bao, 56, recently married a woman, 29, who is more than two feet shorter than he is.

Sources: ananova.com

## BATES RATES

Rocky Horror Picture Show



Touch me, Rocky Horror! Touch me!

Last week of classes



Can I still take this pass-fail?

"The Hungry, Hungry Caterpillar" Author as Commencement Speaker



A children's author is apparently all that hungover seniors can handle...

Passover/ Easter



Whether it's the afikomen or painted eggs, these holidays are pretty much all about hide-and-seek.





PHOTOS: CONOR HURLEY/THE BATES STUDENT

Bates students performed a fun and visually-pleasing the live version of the 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' last weekend.

## Horrifically Fantastic

*'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' wows crowd with acting, lighting effects, chaos. Robinson Players' second musical of semester a dazzling success.*

CONOR HURLEY

MANAGING ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

Townfolk, hunchbacks, Nazis, homosexuals, bisexuals, transsexuals and Transylvanians created and destroyed life amid a sea of confusion and lighting effects.

The acclaimed and much anticipated "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" filled the Mays Center to capacity three straight evenings this past weekend and had to turn away over 30 people standing in line prior to Sunday's performance.

Hosted by the Robinson Players, the sex-heavy show featured prominently several a Capella members, including Amy Lareau '09, David Brustlin '09 and Brooks Puchner '09, all who played major roles. Moving to a musical — a rarity in recent years — helped draw the a Capella crossovers to the production, according to Taimur Khan '07, who was executive producer in addition to co-director.

Playing the transsexual lead, Dr. Frank-N-Furter, Jake Lewis '09 convinced the audience of the character's madness and sexual deviance. David Miller '08, cast as the mad doctor's servant, Riff Raff, maintained the hunchback's posture and facial expressions continually throughout the two-hour show.

The audience, though disappointed by the decision to remove elements of audience participation from the original script, was brought



effectively into the play's lunacy as cast members passed through aisles of seats; the French-maid costume attired Transylvanians running feather-dusters across the distracted onlookers' heads. Throughout the performance shouts of approval and frequent sporadic applause made it clear that the audience enjoyed every moment of the bizarre insanity.

The show was opened and closed by video of Kolby Hume '09, the host. Video was used frequently in the show to decrease live set and costume changes, and to add context. Theater Department Chair Martin Andrucki played the role of the criminal

nology professor entirely through video recorded prior to the show. Eschewing their norm of free performance, the Robinson Players charged three dollars for admission to help compensate for the cost of costumes, professional lighting and set construction. Despite the small entrance fee, shows were nearly sold out through advanced ticket sales.

To see additional photos from the Robinson Players' 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' visit *The Bates Student* online. [www.batesstudent.com/rockyhorror](http://www.batesstudent.com/rockyhorror)

## Get to the Pop Shoppe Before It's Gone

SARAH DUNN  
ASSISTANT ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

The perfect place for breakfast on those rough weekend mornings, the Pop Shoppe diner has been a frequent stop for Bates students. However, despite such superior morning meals, this quirky diner plans on closing its doors permanently in the coming weeks.

The tiny establishment on Main Street feels more like a mother's kitchen than anything else. With home-cooked and hearty meals, friendly service and an intimate atmosphere, the Pop Shoppe is comfortable and inviting. It has a strangely appealing 50's vibe with eccentric decorations and a long, old-fashioned countertop.

Open for breakfast and lunch only, the restaurant serves traditional and inexpensive diner fare. Eggs, pancakes, hamburgers and subs are all Pop Shoppe favorites.

The eggs are prepared any style with home fries and toast. The omelets are particularly delicious, bursting with any number of fresh ingredients such as tomatoes, cheese, sausage, onions and peppers. The home fries are large and well seasoned.

Pancakes are an essential part of the Pop Shoppe dining experience. In a variety of flavors such as pumpkin, chocolate chip and blueberry, many diners can be seen rapidly devouring their stacks, covered in maple syrup.

Drink options include all the basics: orange juice, coffee, sodas and milk shakes. Waitresses are coffee conscious — never allowing costumers to see the bottom of their mug. Drinks such as chocolate milk are prepared in front of customers, maintaining the Pop Shoppe's home-cooked quality.

Within walking distance of campus, the Pop Shoppe is a Lewiston rarity. Once discovered, Batesies continue to go back. Students seem to feel an overwhelming sense of loyalty to this peculiar eatery. These devoted followers hope to keep the Pop Shoppe cooking, believing more business may be its saving grace. During the next few weeks, be sure to make this local diner a priority.

### RESTAURANT REVIEW

**Pop Shoppe Diner**

**413 Main Street**

**Lewiston, ME 04240**



## Students Perform Brahms' Requiem in Basilica



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The Bates Choir and Orchestra with the Maine Music Society performed Brahms' Requiem in the Lewiston Basilica last Saturday.

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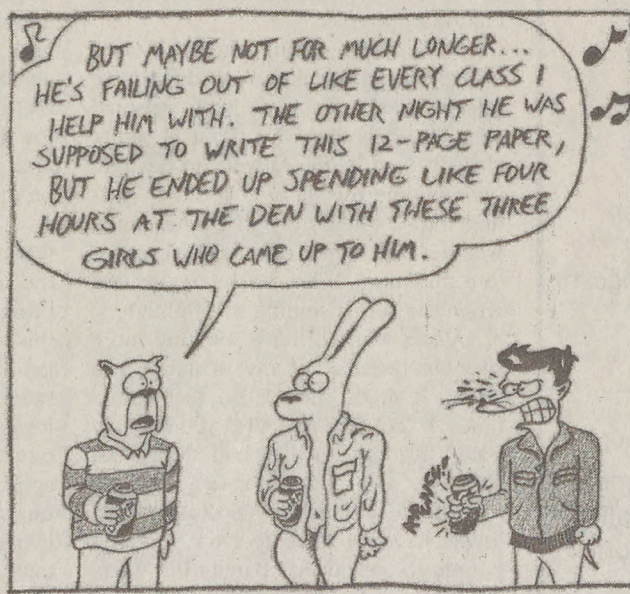
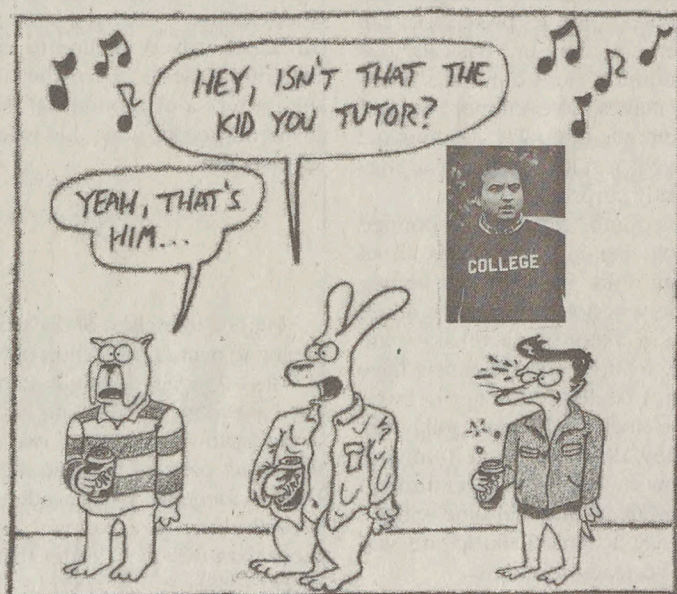
As the members of the choir and orchestra walked to the stage, the historic basilica filled with an oceanic silence ready to break and bring everything past into the living body of the present.

The Lewiston and Bates communities congregated on Saturday for a two-hour long choral performance of Brahms' Requiem. The packed venue was filled with shining, excited faces, some atypically seated on the marble floor.

One could almost see the marks of delightful shock this ground breaking piece must have left on the king's face as he listened to Brahms' sounds. Enjoying Brahms' Requiem from a CD-player simply fails to capture his revolutionary musical surprises, surprises only truly experienced inside a concert hall.

There was an eminent dissolution of the conductor which became a kind of dialogue between the audience and music. It seems Brahms' compositions celebrated the rise of humanism and the start of a new epoch in music.

## Party Animals by: Nathan Place





# Senior Art Show Displays One Year of Work, Four Years of Experience

CONOR HURLEY  
MANAGING ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

The culmination of four years of artistic learning and exploration for 17 graduating seniors will be displayed at the Bates College Museum of Art from April 5 to May 27.

All of the works displayed are the products of year-long theses completed by studio art majors.

"It's great to see how everyone's work has evolved into their own style reflecting their personalities and interests. Everyone's progression over this past year has shown how ways of making art can take such different paths," said Katie Liston, whose represent abstractions of nature.

Reflecting the diversity of concentrations within the major, the works' focus and medium vary greatly.

"The different mediums and styles of art... made our work very successful and cohesive as thesis group," said Alexis Grossman.

Jenna Hoffstein created three-dimensional human models, including one based on her body. Alana Corbett photographed dozens of friends and strangers wearing the same yellow dress. In a dashing show of self-confidence and openness, Meg Reynolds painted nude self-portraits capturing her self-image free from the societal notions of physical beauty. Similarly, Julia Rice conveys the thoughts and emotions, in addition to the subjects' visible likeness, through the portraits she captured.

Jacob Bluestone concentrated on urban development and the impact of humans on urban aesthetics. With a local focus, Nels Nelson concentrated on the Bates Mill Complex and the Androscoggin River, which once powered the industrial center.

Opening Thursday with a 5 p.m. reception at the Museum, the show will exhibit to works of Deanna D'Entremont, Sarah Drosdik, Kelsey Engman, Julio Guevara, Nakeisha Gumbs, Taimur Khan, Amelia Larsen, Irene Restrepo, Julia Rice and Arlee Woodworth, in addition to the works noted above.



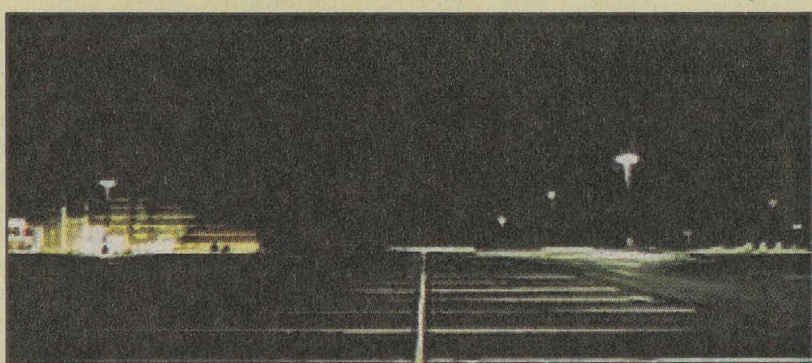
Irene Restrepo



Nakeisha Gumbs (right)

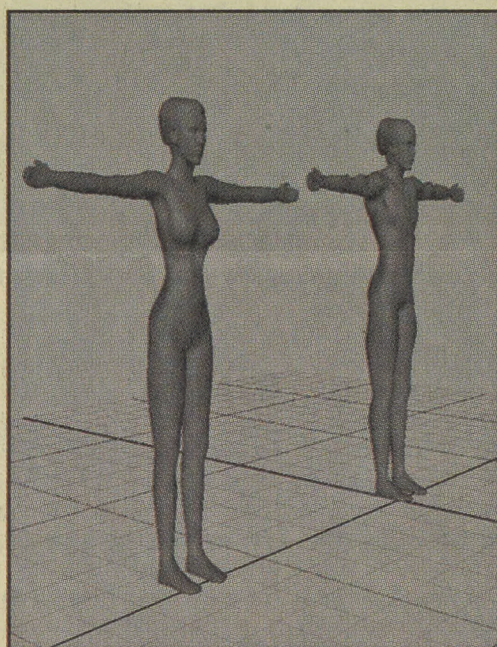


Katherine Liston (far left)



Jacob Bluestone (right)

Alexis Grossman (far left)



Julio Guevara (right)

Jenna Hoffstein (center)

Nels Nelson (far left)

## Gala 007: Dressed to Impress

KEITH KEARNEY JR.  
FASHION COLUMNIST

Trying to envision a look or outfit for this year's Gala was a struggle for many people. This year's theme was 007 and without fail, people showed up dressed to impress. I was really wowed by how people made their wardrobe a mission of possibilities.

Many guys cleaned up well with their new do's thanks to Super Cuts. One sophomore entourage of gentlemen rented tuxedos. Going formal at a semi-formal in an effort to minimize the amount of thought that goes into your outfit is a sensible way to go. This year, more than any other, I saw many guys wearing shirts and ties with the standard navy blazer. Of course, there were many different types of suits that pre-

miered. However, despite the surge of class, you always have one or two guys who show up in jeans. Most of these jean-wearing lads feel awkward and underdressed upon arrival, but there is always one confident rebel: no love lost to our double dual-athlete, I.S.

One of our Texan Batesies left his signature big belt buckle at home, and instead, upgraded the look with a Gucci belt (however, the big buckle was definitely missed!). Some guys opted for a splash of color, replacing their wool slacks for orange, cadet blue and Nantucket red khakis. I also saw seer-sucker substitutes, which I could appreciate, given the nice weather we were having, not to mention spring "began" March 21.

All in all, I feel the guys truly

stepped it up this year, adding small accessories such as suspenders to create sharper ensembles. This was done by one of our seniors, a native Long Islander, who wore a tux. The leading man of this year's gala was Dean Reese's son, Ishan Reese. When I went to greet Dean Reese and his wife, my attention was immediately drawn to that little guy on his mom's hip. He was alert and polite in his blazer and tie; truly a precious and well-dressed kid! I took notes from him; I wasn't even wearing a blazer...YIKES!

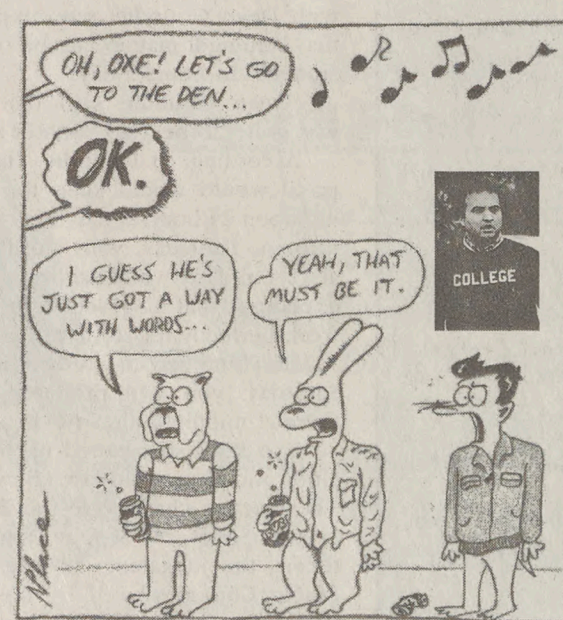
I can only speak from an outsider's perspective, but many girls faced issues in getting a look together for the highly anticipated night. Some girls had to borrow dresses from their friends; others had to buy two dresses to feel at ease.

Two dresses offers you a choice: do I wear the tight black spandex/cotton/lycra blend tube dress to attract the boys? Or do I opt for the Oscar de la Renta to make all the girls jealous?

Some girls had dresses in the back of their closets that they love and were able to revive. They were the lucky ones. I know of girls who had to get their dresses nipped & tucked; having faith that Judy would work her magic. The ladies have more flexibility than guys in what is considered a formal/cocktail party dress. A few girls had long dresses with trains and/or empire waist lines. There were several ladies who managed to make retro sophisticated and sexy: short, and a smock mod type of look. Several sophomore girls wore them in varying colors and fab-

rics: shiny silver satin and a royal blue eyelet lace number. The leading lady of the night was our first lady: President Hansen. When I walked past her, I had to do a double-take. She was wearing a 50s-60s polka dot tank dress. Maybe not so much from the 50-60s era. The bottom of the dress was ruffled, almost like a little bubble skirt which made it trendy, yet vintage feel because of the polka dots. As I spoke to her and Mr. Hansen, I just could not believe how refreshing and formally fun and appropriate the dress was!

Regardless of how the ladies went about creating their look, many of them took risks albeit fabric, prints or colors. Everyone looked great. After all, Gala 007 was a time to celebrate. I'd say it was a mission complete.





## Longtime Anti-feminist Phyllis Schlafly Says "Women Have Always Done Very Well in America"

ANDREW SIMON  
STAFF WRITER

At her recent visit to Bates, controversial, conservative author and activist Phyllis Schlafly denounced the feminist movement, calling it incompatible with marriage, motherhood and happiness. Her speech last Wednesday, sponsored by the Bates College Republicans, drew a large crowd of both sympathizers to her cause, and many critics, who took issue with her ideas about "what's wrong with feminism."

Widely remembered as the leader of the successful fight to defeat the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) more than 30 years ago, Schlafly detailed her rise to prominence as a staunch opponent of the Women's Liberation Movement. She described how she testified in front of Congress beginning in the 1970s in order to prevent the further ratification by more states of the ERA; a measure intended to give men and women equal rights under the constitution. Her opposition to the amendment, she said, was rooted in the fact that "the constitution is gender neutral," as it uses phrases like "we the

people," and that only one state had a law that discriminated against women. She also took aim at what she viewed as the potential detrimental costs of its passage, such as legalized prostitution, integration of single sex schools and female conscrip-

**"We need to realize the destructive force feminism has been in society," said Phyllis Schlafly.**

tion. All of these consequences, and several more of which she spoke, "showed that there were no benefits in the ERA, and it would bring about mischief," she said.

In contrast to the beliefs of her feminist adversaries who believe that men have historically excluded women from positions of power, Schlafly declared that, "opportunities have been out there

for women who wanted them," and said, "women have always done very well in America." Schlafly refuted feminist claims that gender is a social construct and that, "God goofed in making us two different kinds." Feminist attitudes, Schlafly said, "raise false expectations" for women because women are, contrary to what feminists would like people to believe, biologically different from men. She lambasted feminist policies, such as "no fault" divorce and Title IX, which she said were designed "to punish men and anything that is masculine."

Her comment that feminist groups were the equivalent of a "sexual harassment Gestapo" drew some of the loudest jeers from the audience, surpassed only by the reaction to her expression of disapproval of laws that prohibit spousal rape. "Feminists have convinced themselves that men are naturally batterers and women are naturally victims," she said. "We need to realize the destructive force feminism has been in society."

When asked if the feminist movement compared to the civil rights movement,

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## NATIONAL NEWS FEATURE

### A Current Look at Life for Guantanamo Bay Detainees

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On Monday, March 26, David Hicks became the first prisoner at the United States Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay to plead guilty to his charges. He is also the first prisoner to be charged.

According to Bush administration officials, the men at Guantanamo are a group of terrorists who possess vital information about the inner workings of al Qaeda as well as the plans for future attacks on U.S. soil. However, just five miles from the site of the fallen World Trade Center, law students at Fordham University are working to protect the rights of these men. As part of a seminar taught by Professor Martha Rayner, nine students do the bulk of the work of Fordham's International Justice Clinic — everything from litigation to lobbying Congressmen to dealing with the media. According to Rayner, "The goal of clinical education is to step into the shoes of a lawyer and take full responsibility for the legal problems of clients." However, for the prisoners at Guantanamo, these "legal problems" are a bit more complicated than usual.

Since January of 2002, the captives brought to the Guantanamo prisons have been incarcerated as what the Pentagon calls "enemy combatants," a word that strips them of their right to due process. Unlike "prisoners of war" who, according to the Geneva Convention, are protected from coercive interrogation and inhumane treatment, "enemy combatants" have no such privileges. Of the more than 800 prisoners who have spent time in Guantanamo since the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, David Hicks is the first to be formally tried.

For a small number of prisoners, Vice President Dick Cheney's claim that the captive men are "the worst of a very bad lot" may be somewhat true. Mohamed al Kahtani, the identified "20th hijacker" who was turned away by immigration before he could get on a plane, is currently being held at Guantanamo. However, even Kahtani is fairly low in rank in al Qaeda

and, according to a 2004 report by The New York Times, many of the detainees had nothing at all to do with the September 11th attacks.

Of the approximately 400 men who have passed through Guantanamo, almost 400 men are still there, and only a handful have strong connections with terrorist groups.

Answering a call for volunteer lawyers from the Center for Constitutional Rights, Martha Rayner and her students are representing four of these prisoners. Over the past four years, Rayner has traveled to Guantanamo four times to speak with clients. Through an interpreter, she attempts to obtain information as to how her prisoners came into U.S. military custody and tells them about the legal work that has been done on their behalf. According to Rayner, most of the clients are "cautiously trusting" of her efforts. "It's difficult for them to assess who we are and why we're doing what we're doing," she said.

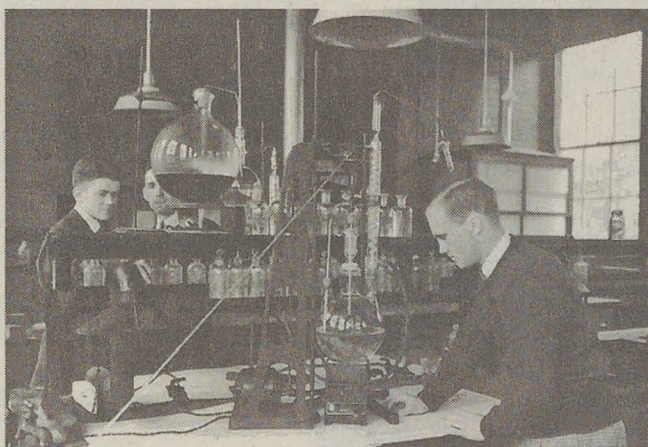
After four years of unexplained imprisonment, this skepticism of outsiders—especially American outsiders—is understandable. Rayner describes the Guantanamo prisons as extremely isolated. "Counsel, like myself, had to be 'security cleared' by the FBI before being allowed to meet with our clients," she said. Entry to the base is only by air, and Rayner must have a military escort at all. She is also prohibited from discussing the political events of any country with her clients unless the information is directly related to their case.

In terms of the actual area, the high-security prisons are juxtaposed against a small center of commercial activity. The Navy Exchange, which Rayner describes as "a combo grocery store and department store," includes restaurant chains such as Subway and McDonalds. "There are kids, a school, a gym, a makeshift golf course—it's sort of like a small town in certain ways," Rayner said. The only difference, perhaps, is that many of the inhabitants of this "town" live in conditions that Rayner calls similar to solitary confinement.

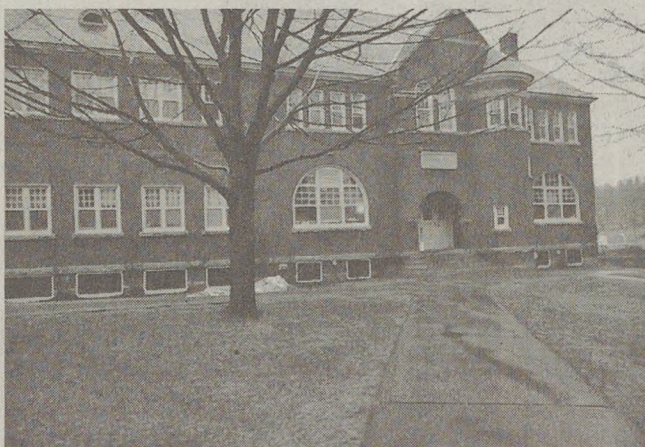
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## Hedge Hall Will No Longer House First-Years

*The 117-year-old building, a former chemistry lab, will be completely renovated as part of the Campus Facilities Master Plan*



COURTESY OF MUSKIE ARCHIVES



AMELIA LARSEN / THE BATES STUDENT

Hedge Hall has already served as a chemistry lab, pictured here in the 1920s, and is now in its last year as a first-year dorm.

REGINA TAVANI  
STAFF WRITER

Since its construction in 1890, Hedge Hall has been in a constant state of metamorphosis. Once the college's chemistry lab, the current all first-year dorm will be converted into offices for the 2007-2008 academic year as part of the effort to improve student housing. Hedge Laboratory, named for its major donor Dr. Isaiah H. Hedge, was dedicated by the Class of 1890 on April 10 of that year. The original structure, nearly half its current size, housed a lecture room and a chemical apparatus room on the first floor and a spacious chemical laboratory on the second floor. For the following 75 years, Hedge Laboratory was the main destination of all chemistry students.

To accommodate the ever-growing college, a one-story wing was added to the building in 1926. In 1950, an additional two stories were added to the wing along with other general renovations. In

the early 1960s, the college implemented a 10-year dormitory improvement plan, similar in goals to the present campus improvement plans. As part of the plan, Hedge Laboratory was converted into Hedge Hall Dormitory, designed to house 57 men. The new dormitory facility opened its doors in the fall of 1966.

Now an all first-year dormitory, Hedge, only steps away from Ladd, Pettengill and Commons, is often the recommended residence choice of current Bates students to incoming first-years. As mentioned on the Bates Daily Jolt, students living in the dorm often form the famed "Hedge Cult." But while living in Hedge may have its bonuses in terms of location and friends, it also has some major drawbacks when it comes to living conditions and safety.

The structure was labeled as being in "poor condition" during an overview of campus housing conducted as part of the Campus Facilities Master Plan. This means that the high degree of renovation needed to bring the building up to code is ap-

proximately the same cost as rebuilding the dorm. To comply with progress on the Master Plan, the college has made the decision to discontinue the use of Hedge as a residence hall, starting next fall. As one of the oldest buildings on campus, Hedge will not be demolished, but rather, it will eventually be gutted and space will be converted for other purposes.

Many current students will be sad to see Hedge go, a place so many first-years have called home.

"A number of my closest friends live in Hedge, and I enjoy having that support group right within our own building," said Lisa Hartung '10.

As Bates moves forward into the future, new needs and improvements have to be addressed. Old traditions may have to fade, but surely, incoming classes will quickly form their own traditions and memories, just as strong and enduring as those of years past.

## Pettengill Hours to Be Extended, Says BCSG Rep.

BRIANA GERRISH  
STAFF WRITER

The Bates College Student Government finished the year with good news regarding Pettengill and an update on active and inactive clubs.

Paul Suitter '08 recently spoke with Dean Goundie, who expressed that Pettengill may in fact be open to students 24-hours a day.

"Dean Goundie said that P-gill was going to be a go," Suitter said.

According to Goundie, the proposal would keep the building open 24 hours a day from Sunday through Thursday, with closing time at 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Suitter explained that this schedule would work perfectly for students.

"If you need to study Friday or Saturday, you will probably be in there at midnight already," he said.

The RA also cleaned up inactive clubs and recognizing two new ones. The inactive clubs were the Biology Lecture Series, the Shaggy Dog Storytellers, the Juggleers and the Bates Riding Club (replaced by the Bates Equestrian Team). The already active Bates Energy Action Movement was officially instated as a club.

## Students Cited for Illegal Downloading

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The RIAA has sent early settlement letters to 13 colleges and universities around the country, some of which have responded differently. The University of Wisconsin (UW) warned students of its policy against illegal file-sharing but refused to forward the settlement letters to violators without a legal subpoena. According to a UW spokesman, "These settlement letters are an attempt to short circuit the legal process to rely on universities to be their legal agent.... We do not want to be a party to that; we are not the legal agent for the recording agency, nor do we aspire to [be]."

The University of Kansas at Lincoln (UNL) has taken it a step further. Not only are they refusing to forward the settlement letters, but they are suing the RIAA for wasting their time. Claiming that the RIAA is wasting taxpayers dollar's by forcing UNL to process over 1,000 complaints, UNL is asking to be reimbursed \$11 per each warning letter.

Although most p2p applications are blocked at Bates, some still slip through. P2p applications are iden-

tified by the high bandwidth traffic. AresWare, until recently, worked under the radar by .... [find out tomorrow]

While this is the first time that RIAA has sent Wiemers Preservation Notices and early settlement letters, he receives roughly a dozen RIAA Infringement Notification e-mails a month, a much less severe note. Infringement Notification e-mails state that an individual on the Bates network is offering a copyrighted sound recording through a p2p application. In this situation, Wiemers will e-mail the offender asking that he or she remove the illegal file. Non-compliance results in disabled Internet access.

While the Infringement Notification is less severe than a Preservation Notice, the e-mail states, "This letter does not constitute a waiver of any right to recover damages incurred by virtue of any such unauthorized activity, and such rights as well as claims for other relief are expressly retained. Moreover, this letter does not constitute a waiver of our members' right to sue the user at issue for copyright infringement."

IP address assignment occurs when the computer is turned on,

The Student.

The primary goal of the Clean Sweep sale is to reduce waste and encourage reuse of items that are typically discarded. Items donated by students will be collected and sold to the public at low cost during the Clean Sweep sale. Additionally, Bates uses the event to promote community participation by encouraging non-profit groups to volunteer to assist in organizing and running the sale. Proceeds from the event are then divided among the contributing groups. In previous years, the Clean Sweep sale has raised between \$9,500 and \$12,500.

Students are encouraged to donate any items in good condition, including furniture, clothes, electronics, sporting goods, luggage and books.

## Crime Log

Tuesday, March 27:

-Disturbance — loud party, 12:05 a.m., Roger Williams Hall, Lounge, taken care of.

-Theft/Larceny, Rand Hall, room 209, case still open.

Wednesday, March 28:

-Criminal Mischief, 9:29 p.m., Herrick House, case still open.

Friday, March 30:

-Narcotics Law Violation, Village Two, room 224, referred to dean.

-Criminal Mischief of M/V, 2:17 p.m., Alumni Gym lot, case still open.

-Narcotics Law Violation, Small House, room 32, referred to dean.

Saturday, March 31:

-Theft from Buildings, Chase Hall, Little room, case still open.

-Criminal Mischief, 7:44 a.m., Rand Hall construction site, case still open.

-Criminal Mischief of M/V, 11:20 a.m., Wood/Vale Streets, case still open.

-Criminal Mischief, 6:41 p.m., Gray Cage, case still open.

Sunday, April 1:

-Criminal Mischief, 7:13 p.m., Herrick House, case still open.



# Year in Review: Top Five Talked about Topics of '06-'07



AMELIA LARSEN / THE BATES STUDENT

October's Diversity Rally and the tree removal that occurred on campus during the December break were two of the most visible news items of the school year.

## KIRSTEN TERRY MANAGING NEWS EDITOR

This school year, The Student reported on major issues affecting the Bates community. We covered the continuing struggle to increase diversity on campus and the consequences of construction projects. Our reporters were there when big names came to Lewiston and the wild weekend that led to stricter enforcement of the college's hard alcohol ban.

The following are some of the most widely discussed and covered news topics of the year, as decided by The Student's editorial staff:

### 1. Diversity

Almost every issue of this year's Student featured a story about some aspect of the growing focus on diversity at Bates. In September we profiled the new Director of Multicultural Recruitment, Marilyn Scott. We bookended that with a report on the 36 percent increase in multicultural U.S. citizen applicants for spots in the class of 2011, compared to last year's pool. In the midst of this, we wrote about the Dif-

icult Dialogues series, created to improve communication about race, gender and sexuality on campus, and the continuing efforts of the Campus Climate Committee. October's rally, which led to the formation of the Diversity Coalition, was the most visual display of the desire for increased multicultural presence and awareness on campus, as students and faculty marched from Lane Hall to a trustee meeting being held in Chase Hall.

### 2. Reusable Mug Program

Dining Services replaced the paper cups in Commons with a supply of 5,000 insulated mugs as part of a program expected to prevent 3,200 pounds of paper waste and save the school several thousand dollars annually. Though intentions are noble, the experiment depends on students returning the mugs to Commons or collection points across campus. This proved problematic.

"I was in the dorms, and there were people who had cardboard boxes full of mugs. They just weren't taking that final step of taking them to a drop-off point," Director of Dining Services Christine

Schwartz told a Student reporter early in the year.

### 3. Campus Construction and Tree Removal

Though school administration sent an e-mail warning the Bates community about the drastic loss of trees before the college opened again for winter semester, the results of the removal were still a shock to many.

"Campuses are interesting and important places that hold on to the past while they move forward into the future," said Professor of Russian Jane Costlow. "And it feels as though chunks of our past have now gone."

Many of the trees were felled to make way for the Alumni Walk, which will connect the new student housing at Rand with the future dining hall. Construction on the walk has been postponed until after finals week. Construction on the new dining hall and dorm complex continued throughout the year. Students will move into the dorm this fall, and are expected to be eating in the new Commons by winter semester 2008.

### 4. Hard Alcohol Policy

Heavy drinking during the night of this fall's annual '80s dance led to a near-record 14 student hospitalizations. "That was the worst night I've had since I've been on EMS," Will Hornick '07, a four-year EMT and crew chief with Bates EMS, told The Student at the time. "As the calls kept coming... it just got ridiculous."

The deans responded with a call for a closer watch on the hard alcohol ban, enforcing the policy that all students found in the presence of hard alcohol would receive strikes.

### 5. The Roots, Mary Oliver and Bob Saget Perform on Campus

This year saw a great variety of nationally-known artists and performers at Bates. The three acts that stood out were a jazz-inspired hip-hop group, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and a childhood icon gone dirty. The Chase Hall Committee was responsible for arranging The Roots, who "delivered a genre spanning performance with all the self-indulgence of a quintessential jam band," wrote reporter Jessica Baggia '07, and Bob Saget, the co-

median, who is breaking down his family-friendly "Full House" with raunchy stand up. A popular choice for the Philip J. Otis lecture, Mary Oliver filled Olin Concert Hall for a poetry reading, which included work from her latest volume, "Thirst."

### Honorable Mentions:

#### BEAM Pushes for Carbon Neutrality

Students create the Bates Energy Action Movement, dedicated to reducing human impact on the world's climate. Several weeks later, Pres. Hansen recognizes their cause, and pledges to make the college carbon neutral.

#### Six Year Campaign for Bates Concludes

After years of fundraising, the Campaign for Bates ended August with a total of \$120,897,820 collected from 18,813 donors. College administrators consider the campaign a success, not only because of the money raised, but also for the increased focus on alumni engagement.

## Guantanamo Bay Detainees

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Two new maximum security facilities house the majority of the prisoners with about 300 men living in "harsh conditions"—regardless of whether or not they are considered dangerous. One of Rayner's clients, a young man from Yemen, has actually been approved to be released from Guantanamo but continues to live in the maximum security ward.

Although a handful of prisoners are leaving Guantanamo about every other month, the process is extremely lethargic. Last September, 14 "high value detainees" were transferred to Guantanamo after being subjected to "alternative interrogation techniques," an intense method of questioning that many would call torture. Currently, 85 men have been approved to leave Guantanamo and 60 to 80 have been promised military trials with both military and civilian defense councils. However, Rayner doubts that all of those trials will actually be held. Even in the best case scenario, "That still leaves well over 200 men in this limbo," she said.

In terms of a resolution, Rayner looks toward the 2008 presidential election as a source of hope. "There might be a solution through the courts, but more likely there will be a political solution," she said. According to Rayner, the current Congress doesn't have the "political spine" to do anything, but with a new administration might come new policy.

However, the longer the prisoners remain at Guantanamo without trials, the

harder it will be to appease the anti-American sentiment that has been increasing as a result. The New York Times reported that many otherwise unthreatening detainees may have been "radicalized by the conditions of their imprisonment and others held with them." According to Rayner, Guantanamo is "a bigger topic outside the U.S. than in the U.S." and that holding prisoners without due process is "seen as not just an abuse but that it's so hypocritical." As a country that prides itself on spreading democracy worldwide, the failure to implement democratic processes at home is a blatant irony.

When asked about a possible link between Guantanamo and the Japanese internment camps of World War II, Rayner said that she could see a connection. Just as Japanese-Americans were rounded up into guarded barracks in the 1940s, Arab men are currently being typecast as terrorists and imprisoned. Rayner sees the internment of thousands of innocent Japanese-Americans as a time in which our government "acted out of unreasonable fear." "We as a country look back on those events with great shame," she said. According to Rayner, the recent events at Guantanamo Bay will soon be seen as an equally embarrassing period in American history.

*Editor's note: Allie Goldstein had the opportunity to speak with Martha Rayner through a family connection. Though the article is not Bates-focused, we felt its news value was high enough to appear in The Student*

## Graduation Speakers for '07 Announced

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grant) for creating what the Foundation called "a new form of theater—a blend of theatrical art, social commentary, journalism and intimate reverie."

Smith is the author and performer of two one-woman plays about racial tensions in American cities: "Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Other Identities," a Pulitzer Prize finalist that explores the 1991 conflict between Jews and blacks in New York City; and "Twilight: Los Angeles 1992," which earned two Tony nominations. She received an Obie for each play.

In 2006, Smith was awarded a Fletcher Foundation fellowship for her current work in progress, "Let Me Down Easy," exploring expressions of both the frailty and vitality of the human body. She will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts.

The commencement ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on May 27, on the Quad in front of Coram Library. The ceremony will be held in Merrill Gymnasium in case of rain.

she stated, "The civil rights movement was based on real grievances," whereas, "the ERA would not have given any benefits to women." She also noted that her message applied only to American women, whom she called "one of the most privileged class of people in the world," and not to women in any other country.

Toward the end of her speech, Schlafly disparaged feminists as a group who are "not for the achievement of women" and who "have convinced themselves that women can't do anything."

## Mount David Summit

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stances in which they were teased, berated or offended, than did white students.

Jacob Mark '07, a biochemistry major, presented his thesis on detection of multiple pathogens in a biological sample. Mark explained the rationale for his research: at present, labs can only detect a single pathogen in a sample; this can be frustrating when physicians are trying to determine a disease of undetermined origin and must spend weeks testing for various pathogens. Mark used a modification of a common technique called a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) commonly used to replicate DNA at a rapid speed. The technique that Mark developed has been applied to plant pathogen detection but could theoretically be used to test a human sample for various pathogens or genetic deformations, including cancer-causing abnormalities.

Additional poster presentations featured students' theses or independent re-

"The real problem is attitude," said Schlafly. "It's a matter of your attitude and whether you are spending your time nursing old wounds." She concluded her speech by encouraging women to "make your own choices; don't think that the world is against you."

Although several attendees expressed support for Schlafly's cause, much of the audience clearly found her words to be degrading and offensive to women. Particularly vocal were members of the college's Feminist Action Coalition, whose members donned T-shirts that read: "This is what a feminist looks like."

search. Mathematics major Laura Clarkson '07 used math to prove that exactly 17 patterns exist in all wallpaper designs. This theory was presented over 100 years ago and is the basis of the work of famous mathematician and artist M.C. Escher.

Lauren Jacobs '07 presented her English independent study work: a linguistic and historical study of old English through the poem "Beowulf."

Senior Marybeth Tong's psychology thesis investigated the impact of education and intervention on students' willingness to buy and consume the "morning-after pill," which has recently been approved for over-the-counter administration.

The Mount David Summit is an excellent display of Bates' creative and academic performance. Contributions from professors and students, as well as sponsorship from the Dean of the Faculty, the Mellon Learning Associates Program and a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute made 2007's exhibition a success.

## Class of 2011 Diversity

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sponsible for particular geographic territories) focused their fall recruitment efforts on multicultural community-based organizations, high schools with large multicultural populations, and multicultural college fairs.

Furthermore, the recent addition of Scott to the admissions staff has introduced Bates to organizations like New England Counselors of Color Bridging Access to College (NECBAC) and Association of Black Admissions and Financial Aid Officers at Ivy League and Sister Schools (ABAFAOILSS) which substantially increased the Bates' outreach. Bates is also participating in workshops and fairs, speaking to multicultural audiences alongside Ivy Leagues and Sister Schools like Wellesley, Harvard and Brown. Bates' presence at those activities increases its name recognition, Scott explained.

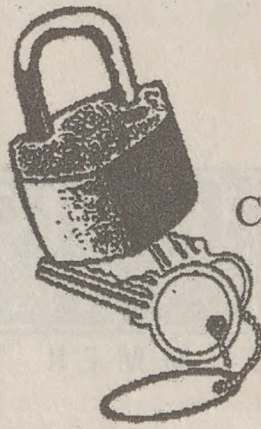
While 288 multicultural individuals have been offered admission, the remaining challenge is getting them to enroll at Bates. Students accepted early decision as well as multicultural students who were unaware that they had been

admitted were invited to see the Mount David Summit and stay for the weekend. Financial assistance was offered when needed to help students fly or bus to Bates from all around the country.

There will be a phoneathon on April 3 and 4 from 7 - 9 p.m. with Batesies calling admitted students to answer questions. Postcards written by Batesies will also be sent to accepted students. There will be two significant on-campus accepted student receptions which include tours, faculty and student Q&A sessions, as well as the opportunity to attend classes. The first takes place on Friday, April 6 and the second on Monday, April 23. Additionally, there will be six off-campus receptions held in Boston, Washington D.C., New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

As for general admission statistics, 4648 students applied to Bates this year, and 1318 were offered admission, with 465 as the target enrollment for September. Last year, 4482 applied, 1390 were admitted, and 510 enrolled. Contrasting the increase in multicultural acceptances, 89 of the 849 international applicants were accepted this year, compared to 102 of 867 international applications last year.

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## Baseball Swept by Tufts; Shuts out Farmington

JESSIE SAWYER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Bates baseball dropped three heartbreakers in a row in a three-game series against Tufts this weekend. The Jumbos are a perennial powerhouse in NESCAC's Eastern League, consistently posting 20 win seasons, qualifying twice for the NCAA tournament and sending five players to the MLB.

The first game, a season-opener for both teams in the East Division, was low-scoring. Lead-off hitter Denis Hogan '08 based after an error by the Tufts shortstop Brian Casey '07 and touched home after singles by Brian Mahoney '08 and Erik Hood '08, as well as an Alex Egelson '08 groundout to third.

Unfortunately for Bates, Casey was at bat for the Jumbos, and it wasn't exactly a sad day in Somerville. Tufts' Casey brother combo of Kevin '09 and older brother Brian '07 lit up Bobcat pitching. Kevin hit Brian home on a double and later in the game hit a two-run double in the fourth inning, setting up Kevin and Dave Katzman '09 to score runs. In the fifth inning, Katzman put his team ahead 4-1, rounding the bases on an error, a steal, a wild pitch and another single from Kevin.

Third baseman and pitcher Brian Buckley '08 hit his first homerun of the season in the eighth inning to score the final run of the day. Tufts clenched a narrow 4-2 victory.

Right-handed pitcher Ben Shwartz '09 capped the game with strong execution, playing six innings, allowing four runs and striking out seven Jumbos. Pete Meisel '07 relieved the close of the game with perfect innings in the seventh and eighth, striking out three.

Tufts swept the double-header the next day with 10-2 and 16-2 victories over Bates. However, in the first inning of the day, Bates led 1-0 with an RBI from Buckley, which sent Mahoney home. In the fifth, Casey Mc-

Cormack '08 tripled and later scored off of a Hogan RBI single.

The score was tight until the sixth inning when the Jumbos batted in seven runs. Tufts' first baseman, Jumbo Corey Pontes '10 hit his first career home run, scoring his second run of the game. Bryan McDavitt '07 connected with a double that allowed three runners, including himself, to reach home. Five of the seven runs were unearned.

In game two, Tufts launched an early lead off of McDavitt's two-run double and Steve Ragonese's '08 two-run homer. Bates's two runs were scored late in the game. McCormack touched home in the seventh off of Alex Malucci's '08 double. The Jumbos' eight-run streak in the eighth secured a victory to sweep the series.

On April 1, Bates hosted and shutout the University of Maine-Farmington. Sean VanderVliet '08 pitched the entire nine-innings. He was credited with the win, allowing three hits and three walks, striking out five batters. Only one Beaver made it past second base. VanderVliet earned the first Bates complete-game shutout win since John Ribas's '05 victory over Tufts in 2004. Last season, VanderVliet started and pitched nine shutout innings against Western Connecticut State in a 16-inning 1-0 victory.

In the first inning, Hood cracked a double, sending Mahoney home. He later scored on a Buckley single. Buckley led the fourth inning with a double, later scoring on Josh Linscott's '10 sacrifice fly. Malucci went 3/4 with two runs, one of which he scored stealing home in the sixth inning. In the eighth, Schuler based on an error and Malucci came home. Hogan batted Linscott in for the last run of the day and a 6-0 victory.

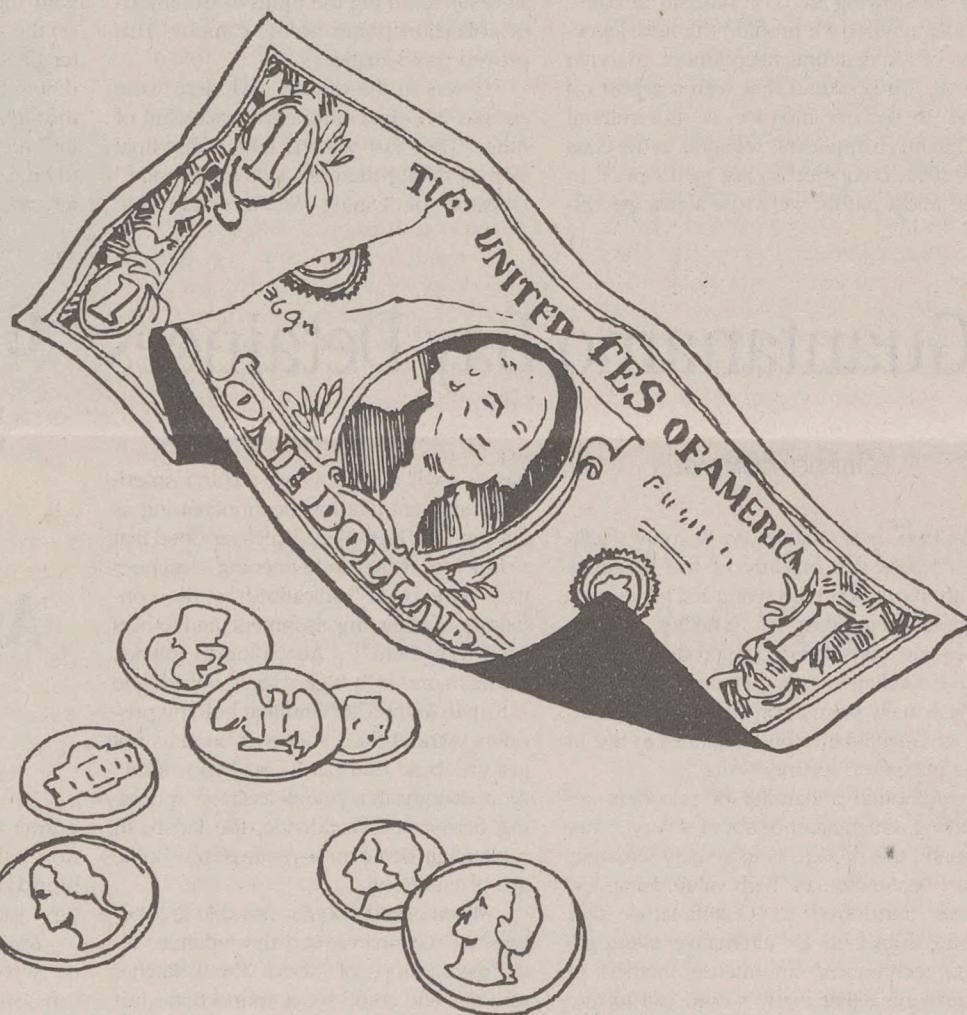
Bates looks to improve their NESCAC record in hopes to qualify for the NESCAC tournament. After a 3 p.m. game against Husson today, Bates will host a three-game series against Trinity on April 6 and 7.

## Bobcat of the Week Matt Erisman '07



A native of Nantucket, Mass., Matt Erisman is the captain of the Bates men's lacrosse team. Playing attack, Erisman has been voted NESCAC Player of the Week three times and in 2006 was Second Team All-NESCAC, ranked 16th in the league in points scored and 17th in points per game. This season, Erisman leads the team in goals and points. Last week, Erisman led the team in scoring with seven goals in two games against Gordon and Williams.

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# Lacrosse Loses Two Close NESCAC Games



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First-year Avery Masters takes the ball to the net against Gordon. Masters scored three goals over the past week, one of which came against Gordon.

**MAC KING**  
MANAGING SPORTS EDITOR

After beating Gordon in a 10-8 comeback win on Wednesday, women's lacrosse fell in close inter-league contests against NESCAC foes Williams and Trinity over the weekend. Bates' Co-Captain Molly Wagner '07 tallied a combined nine goals and one assist over the week, while the team's fab first-years combined for 20 points.

In the Gordon game on March 28, the Fighting Scots scored first, jumping out to a 2-0 then 4-1 lead. Bates narrowed the gap to

one by halftime, entering the break trailing 4-3.

The Bobcats came out firing in the second half, netting four unanswered goals on tallies from Wagner, Avery Masters '10, Katelyn Drake '10 and Molly Radis '10. Gordon managed to tie the contest at eight-apiece with 6:46 left to play, but a late burst from the Bobcats secured a 10-8 victory. Radis had a hand in the final two goals of the game, scoring the unassisted game-winner and then assisting Rachel Harmeling's '08 assurance goal.

Katie Nickerson '08 made five saves for the Bobcats, while Gordon net-minder Cyanne

Wilson played out of her mind, saving 16.

Against Williams, Bates entered halftime tied at three, on goals from Morgan Maciewicz '10, Drake and Masters.

Williams came out hot after the break, scoring four unanswered goals to lead the Ephs to the eventual victory. Maciewicz scored two more goals, Caroline Thomas '09 scored two and Molly Dilworth '10, Masters and Drake each scored one to bring Bates within three. The Ephs netted two more, however, to cap the contest at 14-9. Bobcat Nickerson had 16 saves.

Against the 10th ranked Division III pro-

gram in the country, the Bobcats played a tight game but fell 13-11. After leading 7-4 at the half, the Bantams jumped out to a 14-7 lead with eight minutes left in the contest. Paced by their leading scorer Wagner, who scored five goals in the game (four in the second half), the Bobcats pulled within two with three minutes left to play. Bates was unable to score, however, and fell by a close score of 13-11. Thomas, Pierce, Masters and Dilworth each scored a goal, while Radis tallied two. Between the pipes, Nickerson saved 13.

Bates plays Colby on Wednesday, April 4 at 5 p.m.

## Men's Tennis Falls to Amherst and Tufts, Despite Strong Performances from Stein, Rupasinghe and Mannelly; Tennis Women Shutout

**BRENDAN BRODEUR**  
STAFF WRITER

Bates tennis suffered frustrating defeats this weekend against rivals Amherst and Tufts. Despite disappointments regarding the outcomes, Head Coach Paul Gastonguay and Assistant Coach Tristan Beach '06 expect that the frustrations surrounding the losses will ultimately strengthen the team.

"Truly wanting to win requires finding a way to succeed regardless of hardship," Beach said.

The men duelled with Amherst on Saturday, losing 2-7. First-year doubles duo Amrit Rupasinghe and Ryan Mannelly dominated opponents Jeffrey Wan and Geoff Schwartz in number two doubles, dropping only two games. According to Beach, Ben Stein '09 and Max Berger '10 lost on a tiebreaker after failing to convert on two match points. Stein rallied from a 2-6 loss in his first singles game to win his second. He

was on the path to win his third game. Not wanting to aggravate an injury, his opponent conceded the game to give Stein the match-win and Bates' second point.

"Our loss at Amherst was very agonizing. We didn't lose due to laziness or a deficiency of talent; Amherst simply wanted to win more than we did. When adversity arose, Amherst adapted. We did not. Winning and losing are out of our control. What we do control is our approach."

Keeping that in mind, the squad played with fervor the next day against Tufts. Stein and Berger paired to dominate a high-caliber Tufts number one doubles team of Sean McCooley and Geoff Loh, 8-1. Rupasinghe and Mannelly played another solid doubles match, handily defeating Will Fleder and Matt Gallin, 8-4. The team lost some hotly contested singles matches to give Tufts the 6-3 advantage overall. Despite frustration, the Bobcats' spirits were unbreakable.

"Our attitude improved against Tufts, but

significant change does not occur overnight," Beach commented.

On the women's side, Tufts swept Bates 9-0 for the Bobcats' first outdoor match of the season and Tufts' fifth consecutive win. Tufts has consistently been a strong opponent to the team, but the coaches recognize the women as a strong team. While Gastonguay and Beach have confidence in the women, Beach acknowledged that the women just need to have the same belief in themselves.

"The women displayed glimmers of the confidence required to play with a top tier team like Tufts. The frequency of those glimmers just needs to increase. It's encouraging to see how much they have progressed already. Their skills and confidence will develop simultaneously. There is no ceiling to their growth," Beach explained.

The men will host Bowdoin on Wednesday at 4 p.m. and the women will host Bowdoin on Thursday at 4 p.m.

## Softball Splits Doubleheader with Jumbos, Capucci Goes Yard

**BRENDAN BRODEUR**  
STAFF WRITER

Softball traveled to Tufts University on Friday for a double-header against the Jumbos. The Bobcats split their games, first winning convincingly and then losing in five innings.

The Bobcats won the first game as Kristin Masino '07 allowed only three hits and one run in a 4-1 victory. A single in the first by Katie Franklin '07 put Bates ahead by two as she brought home two runners, followed by another single in the second

inning. Scoring two of the runs for Bates was Caitlin Murphy '07 in the first and third.

The Jumbos scored their lone run in the third on a walk, steal and single. Things heated up in the fifth inning as Masino faced Tufts' third, fourth and fifth hitters with the bases loaded and no outs. But Masino got through it with a pop-up and two strike-outs. The final two runs for Bates came in the top of the sixth. A home run by Jill Cappucci '10 led off the inning.

The second game did not go so well for Bates, as they lost 11-0 in a shortened five-inning game based on the ten-run rule. Tufts scored two runs in

the first, three in the second and six more runs in the third inning. The game ended with 14 hits by the Jumbos and two by Bates.

With the NESCAC Eastern Division double-header split, Bates is now 1-2 in the NESCAC (3-6 overall) and Tufts is 2-1 NESCAC (10-5 overall).

Bates' home double-header scheduled against University of Maine-Farmington last Sunday has been moved to a time yet to be announced. Until then, Bates Softball is scheduled for a home game Friday afternoon against NESCAC rival Trinity College at 4 p.m.

## Despite Back to Back NESCAC Losses, Men's Lacrosse Ready for Colby this Wednesday

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Morin and Bryan Frates chipped in with three goals and four assists respectively. Bates managed to outshoot the Ephs 31-25, but was beaten in groundballs (41-18) and face-offs (14-3) and was only 1-5 on man-up opportunities. Junior goalie Will Paddock came in relief and

made 10 saves over 42 minutes, only allowing five goals. The loss to Williams leaves Bates 3-2 and still searching for their first NESCAC win.

Despite the loss, the Bobcats are very optimistic about the rest of their season.

"I think we learned a lot from our last two NESCAC games, and we'll be ready for Colby on Wednesday," said Paddock.

It is all NESCAC the rest of the way as Bates

sets out this week to take on Colby, Connecticut College and Trinity on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively. After that comes the meat of the schedule, as Bates takes on Middlebury, Tufts and Wesleyan, who are all ranked in the top 25. The Bobcats also play Bowdoin, who Bates has not beaten in the regular season since 2002.

## Intramural Softball Saves the Day, Bring on Short Term

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for a game, spend \$200 on a replica jersey, thousands of dollars on season tickets and many hours updating a fantasy team. Why? Because people realize the pressures of our society require mental and physical bereavement, and sports are one of those vehicles that keeps people sane.

For me, this could not be truer, and softball could not be coming at a better time. The next month and a half will be an interesting time. Things that I have grown accustomed to over the past four years will no longer be a regular part of my life. It will be hard to come to terms with many of these realities, but that is why softball—and sports in general—are there for me. They let me take my mind off of pressing issues, and enjoy something without feeling guilty. How else am I supposed to cope with the fact that a) by May 27 I will be unemployed, b) 98.5 percent of the people that I am surrounded by now I will probably never see again and c) I will never, ever again be a college student? It simply can't be done. Without sports, I would likely be driven to insanity or alcoholism. Well, definitely the former; Short Term may make the latter inevitable.

So as I prepare myself for the inevitability of graduating from college—it still seems weird to write that—I know that the time will be well spent. I'll be able to relish many of the friendships I have made, and at the same time come to personal terms with what will be a major step in my life. But not for an instant will I let that impede my enjoyment of Short Term. I know that softball will allow me to connect with friends, enjoy the spring, have fun and be reminded of exactly what makes college so much fun. And as a senior, I couldn't ask for anything else—except maybe to win the whole damn thing.



## IM Softball: Sheltering Me from Impending Doom



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As I write this, I am twenty-two years old, and one-and-a-half months away from graduating college.

This is also the final issue of the newspaper, and perhaps the last time I will ever have something printed or published about my most passionate hobby: sports. The end of my column is obviously not equivalent to receiving my degree—it is not a day that I am going to remember 50 years from now—but it is symbolic of what will soon be a long line of conclusions. This is something that, as a senior, I have anticipated, but seems so much stranger now that it has actually arrived. To put this in perspective, April break will likely be my last true “school” vacation; I will never again have a traditional summer, Thanksgiving or winter break. Bizarre, no? Hence, the reminder from my editor that this was the year's last installment of The Bates Student conjured up images of my impending doom: graduation and self-sufficiency.

I'm not writing this to sound sad or depressed, but just to observe the truth of my forthcoming situation. Facing such a significant step in one's life can be daunting and can linger in a person's mind. It can drive a person crazy. The prospect of an uncertain future is not comforting. I am, however, determined not to let such thoughts affect my Short Term and final weeks of college: it is simply not worth it. But how will I be able to keep my mind off such things? Well, that is the simple part: intramural softball.

There is no single event at Bates that captures the feeling and meaning of spring and Short Term than the commencement of IM softball. For seniors who have been rigorously working on thesis or students studying for finals, the arrival of Short Term is the perfect tonic to what has been a stressful few weeks. Suddenly, students do not dread being on campus or even in Lewiston for that matter. Most classes are not nearly as stress-inducing, and students have more free time and can enjoy themselves. All of this positive energy flows perfectly in a softball game. Though teams want to win, having a good time is paramount; students want to have fun with their friends in a competitive atmosphere. And IM softball provides all the fun and entertainment a person could want.

For starters, the games are very informal—the teams are co-ed and there are no umpires. Though teams take the games seriously, the environment is always loose and relaxed. Teams joke throughout the game, dress in interesting uniforms and some even indulge in a nerve-easing liquids. The game itself provides great entertainment. People swing their hardest, trying to smack the hell out of the ball, players aimlessly chase long flies with the potential for a great catch or a fateful fall, and pitchers always have to be wary of hard line-drives coming right at them. And for those competitive types, there are playoffs at the end of a season, and a champion is crowned. In short, IM softball is the perfect mix of competitiveness and leisure, an ideal metaphor for the college experience. It is a great way to keep your mind off of lingering thoughts, such as, oh, graduation and the end of college. Without softball, Short Term, especially this year, would just not be the same.

When people ask me why I love sports so much, I can always point to an experience like IM softball as an example: it is the perfect escape. The reason that so many people are infatuated with sports, like me, is that they offer an alternative reality to the world in which we live. This is not a groundbreaking revelation; it is a fact of society. For some reason, it is completely socially acceptable for a person to paint his face

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## Women's Track Demonstrates Depth; Strong Start in First Outdoor Race of Spring



**TOM LEONARD/COURTESY PHOTO**

Two of Bates' three 4x400 relay teams exchanging batons during Tufts' Snowflake Classic on Saturday.

**ANDY PERCY**  
STAFF WRITER

Women's track and field had an impressive season opener at the Tufts' Snowflake Classic last Saturday. While many of the team's top athletes did not compete, the overall team's depth was strengthened this weekend with several notable performances.

Tara Higgins '09 and Co-Captain Becca Westlake '07 led Bates in the sprint events with their performance in the 200m Dash. Higgins ran 28.59 and Westlake ran 28.78. Lisa Hartung '10 finished in fifth place in the

400m Dash in 1:02.26, less than four seconds behind Division I runners from Northeastern and Dartmouth.

Bates had four 1500m runners finish in the top 25. While Amy Rosania '08 led much of the race, Esther Kendall '10, returning to track after an impressive swim season, won her heat and finished 11th with a time of 5:05. Rosania, in the first 1500 of her collegiate career, ran 5:07. Allie Goldstein '09 ran 5:12, and Abby Samuelson, back from a season of Nordic skiing, ran 5:25. As a rule of thumb, 17 seconds can be added to a 1500m time to convert it to a predicted mile equivalent.

Bates also had a large contingent

in the 5000m. Allison Leonard '10 had the highest-place performance for Bates with her fourth place finish in 19:12.80. Jessie Smith '09, Elise Lang '10 and Erin Bougie '07 also ran the event, finishing close together in 20:28, 20:36, and 20:41, respectively.

Bates put together three 4x400m relay teams, which finished in eighth, ninth and 10th place at 4:34.72, 4:34.94, and 4:36.95.

Jen Marino '09 led the field events with her fifth place performance in the triple jump. Marino jumped 35-03.75 and then came back in the long jump with a leap of 15-08.25.

Vantiel Duncan '10 had a busy

day. She finished in sixth place in the shot put with a toss of 37-05.27, 15th in the discus in 87-07, and 11th in the hammer throw in 118-00. By comparison, Cassandra Kirkland '08 finished seventh in the hammer with her throw of 128-02.

Interestingly, 16-time All-American alumnus Keelin Godsey '06 was at the meet throwing the hammer. Godsey won the event in 207-01, and has already qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon.

The Bates women will compete this weekend at the Bates Co-Ed Invitational against Colby.

## Men's Lacrosse Demolishes USM; Narrowly Defeated by Williams Ephs

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Déjà vu. Bates began the week by torching a non-conference team, but lost to a NESCAC rival over the weekend. This week it was Southern Maine and Williams.

It was the first ever meeting between the men's lacrosse teams of Bates College and University of Southern Maine, with Bates winning in a big way, 23-4. Bates out-shot USM 36-15 and had 10 different goal scorers.

First-year Nick Woods led the way for Bates with six goals and three assists. Fellow first-year Nick Sampson notched three goals and an assist, and Co-Captain Matt Erisman '07 also had a hat trick. Each goalkeeper got to play a quarter of the game, combining for 10 saves and only allowing four goals.

Bates found themselves on the wrong side of a 12-10 decision in an extremely physical game against Williams. Scoring mostly in short bursts, the Bobcats had a hard time

piercing Williams' physical man-to-man defense.

"We made a lot of errors that should not have happened. We needed to play more physical. We also needed the intensity that we had in the last four minutes throughout the entire game. We did a lot of things well during the game, but we



**RUSTY MILHOLLAND/THE BATES STUDENT**  
Matt Erisman '07 lays out for a shot against Williams.

just could not capitalize in the end, and Williams played a great game as well," said defenseman Matt Knortz '09.

Matt Erisman had another big game with four goals. Juniors Brent

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## Men's Track and Field Perform as Team at Snowflake Invitational

**KATIE BASH**  
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The men's track team got a running start to their season Saturday at Tufts' Snowflake Invitational. The meet, despite its name, actually saw fairly mild weather and favorable conditions, as a wide variety of schools including Boston University, Dartmouth and USM came out to kick things off for the spring. Several weeks of hard work and training, coupled with a large number and range of competitors, enabled many of the men to compete well with several notable performances.

In the running events, C.J. Murray '09 finished first for Bates in the 5,000m race in a field of 18. Murray, with a time of 15:40.69, has been training hard since the winter, and is looking forward to further dropping his times this spring season.

Also competing in the 5k for Bates was Dillon Tung '09. Finishing the race in 16:31.41 Tung's graceful stride looks stronger every week, as he will surely make an increasingly bigger impact on the team as the season progresses.

Steve Monsulick '07 put forth an intrepid effort in the 10,000m run. Impressively, Monsulick, who recently completed his last collegiate ski season and has only had a few weeks of training with the track team, finished the nearly 6 1/2 mile race in just 32:33, placing him third in a field of 10. Doug Brescher '10 was a tough competitor in the 10,000m as well, finishing just

three spots behind Monsulick with a time of 33:05.07. In the mid-distance events, both Michael Watson '09 and Griffen Stabler '10 competed in the 1500m and 800m run, finishing just tenths of a second apart for the two events, in the top half of their field.

In the field events, James Packard '10 jumped his way to the 13th spot out of 32 men in the long jump, with a mark of 6.09 m. Triple jumper Emmanuel Drabo '08 came in third, ahead of 16 others, with a distance of 13.95m. Richard McNeil '10 had an outstanding day, competing in the hammer throw, discus throw and shot put. McNeil finished in the top eight for all three, with throws of 143-08, 140 feet and 8 inches and 45-05.25, respectively.

Teamwork in this sometimes seemingly individual sport was one of the themes of the day.

"Graham Raymond and Rich McNeil threw well in the hammer, and Steve Monsulick ran well in the 10k. That got us off to a good start and set up some solid performances later on," said Murray.

This seems to be true, as the men inspired and motivated one another throughout the long day. If this first meet was any indication of what's to come for the Bobcats in the following weeks, it looks as though the team will be fierce competitors for anyone looking to cross its path this season.

The Bobcats will host the Colby Mules in a home dual meet Saturday, April 7.